ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

MOUNT LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH,

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

On the 10th, 11th and 12th October, 1873.

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MINUTES,

Fifty-Fourth Annual Session, Alabama Baptist Association.

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH,
Montgomery Co., Ala., October 10th, 1873.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. N. Coleman, from Heb. 2 : 3–4.

A recess of an hour was then taken, after which the Representatives of the Churches, composing the Association, were assembled in the house, and joined in singing a hymn, and united in prayer with Elder T. M. Bailey.

The body was then called to order by the Moderator, and Elders T. M. Bailey, S. A. Goodwin, and T. N. Coleman, requested to read the letters of correspondence from the Churches, and the Delegates' names enrolled.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Centre Ridge—*Elder W. C. Cleveland, *F. A. Lee, S. W. Lide.

Providence—Elder W. B. Crumpton, W. W. Berry, Wm. Day.

Town Creek—Elder T. M. Bailey, William Pierce, *D. B. Edwards.

Bethany—H. W. Caffey, J. A. Caffey, *A. G. Johnson.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Hopewell—Elder David Lee, Jas. O. Roberson, O. A. Coleman.

Fort Deposit—Elder T. N. Coleman, †Elder W. W. Lloyd, *C. A. Gunn.

Ash Creek—*B. F. Caffey, *Francis Gordon, A. K. Gordon.

Hayneville—*J. P. Streety, *J. Baltzer.

Steep Creek—B. S. Meadows, E. A. Moseley, W. P. Bullock.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Autaugaville—*Elder J. H. Ray, *O. W. Sherrer, J. I. Lamar.

1*st Montgomery*—J. B. Gay.

Liberty—G. W. Crossgrove, J. A. Mitchell, *Jno. R. Copeland.

Union—*Elder W. A. Cumbie, *J. E. Turner, *W. B. Bowden.

Mt. Lebanon—Elder J. W. Orme, J. D. Garrard, Jesse G. Jones.

Pine Level—Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder T. J. Miles, E. J. Harris.

Midway—A. L. Barnett, F. M. Nuckolls, *Wm. O'Neil.

Elim—David Jones, *Moses McLemore, *W. G. Worrell.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Indian Creek—A. E. Hinson, *David Whicomb.

Antioch (*Butler Co.*)—W. R. Martin, J. P. Gafford.

Greenville—Elder S. A. Goodwin, *Elder J. E. Bell, *H. W. Watson.

Philadelphia—G. T. Edwards, *Samuel Russell, *H. F. Hinds.

Damascus—*Elder W. C. Avant, *W. J. Andress.

Macedonia—Thos. A. Peterson, F. L. Ellis, *H. S. Gradon.

Hickory Grove—Franklin Armstrong, *J. C. Fonville, *R. P. Means.

New Ebenezer—James Polk, Jefferson Cook, *W. W. Cawthon.

The organization of the Body was consummated, by an unanimous re-election of the former officers, to wit: Elder David Lee, Moderator; H. W. Caffey, Clerk, and S. W. Lide, Treasurer. The Moderator expressed his grateful appreciation of this renewed evidence of confidence on the part of his brethren, extending over a period of twenty-eight years.

Visiting brethren were affectionately invited to seats with the Association; and an opportunity offered to any present, so desiring, to make application for membership.

The standing Committess were announced as follows:

On Religious Exercises—S. W. Lide, B. S. Meadows, F. L. Ellis, with the Pastor, and Deacons of Mt. Lebanon Church.

On Documents—Elder S. A. Goodwin, J. I. Lamar, E. A. Moseley, James Bailey, F. Armstrong.

On Missions (To report next year)—Elder D. W. Gwin,

* Denotes Absentees.
† Dead.

Elder W. C. Cleveland, E. J. Harris, W. P. Bullock, J. O. Robertson.

On State of Religion in the Churches—Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder T. N. Coleman, J. A. Frazer, J. D. Garrard.

On Finance—J. B. Gay, John A. Caffey, Wm. Pierce.

Auditing Committee—Franklin Armstrong, William Day.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Salem Association—Elder J. L. Sampey, Charles Waller, Calvin Stephens, M. J. Gamble.

Cahaba Association—David R. Lide.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Bethlehem Association—Elders S. A. Goodwin, W. C. Avant, J. E. Bell, W. C. Morrow.

Pine Barren Association—Meet at Concord Church, Wilcox county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1874. Elder W. C. Cleveland, Elder W. B. Crumpton, Samuel W. Lide.

Unity Association—Elder J. H. Ray, O. W. Sherrer, J. I. Lamar.

Cahaba Association—Meets with Ockmulgee Church, Perry county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1873. D. B. Edwards, Jere Johnson.

Tuskegee Association—Meets at Tuskegee, on Saturday before the third Sunday in Oct., 1873. Elders S. A. Goodwin, B. A. Jackson, T. N. Coleman.

Salem Association—Meets at Liberty Church, near Farriorsville, on Saturday, before the first Sunday in October, 1874. Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder J. W. Orme, E. J. Harris, Shepherd Guice.

Zion Association—Meets at Sardis Church, Butler county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1873. Elder J. E. Bell, Elder W. C. Avant, Elder W. A. Cumbie, H. W. Watson, William Bowden, J. E. Turner

Baptist State Convention—Meets at Tuskaloosa, on Friday before second Sunday in November, 1873. Elder W. B. Crumpton, Elder S. A. Goodwin, Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder D. W. Gwin, Elder T. N. Coleman, Elder W. C. Cleveland, Elder T. J. Miles, Elder T. M. Bailey, Elder T. E. Williams, J. I. Lamar.

A communication from the "Baptist Union of Alabama," through Elder I. U. Wilkes, was read in reference to the establishment of a Denominational paper in the State, and on motion of Elder T. M. Bailey, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Elders M. Bishop, David Lee, S. A. Goodwin, W. B. Crumpton, and Bro. H. W. Caffey. On motion, Elder T. M. Bailey was added to the Committee.

A letter from Elder T. C. Boykin, S. S. Evangelist for the

State, was read, and referred to the committee on Sunday Schools.

On motion, brother D. R. Lide was received in his official capacity, as the representative of Howard College, and invited to a seat in the body.

By resolution, it was determined to spend half an hour in devotional exercises at this time; and the same period, preceding the opening of each morning session during the present assembling.

A special committee on Denominational education was appoined, consisting of Elders W. B. Crumpton, S. A. Goodwin, and B. A. Jackson.

A committee on obituaries was also nominated, having especial reference, to a suitable report upon the deaths of Elders P. H. Lundy, and W. W. Lloyd, former members of this body, deceased since our last session.

On motion, the Association was adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder B. A. Jackson.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, }
October, 11th, 1873. }

In conformity with the resolution of yesterday, half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, after which the Moderator called the body to order, and the Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted. The roll of Delegates was called, and absentees marked.

The "Rules of Order and decorum in Debate," were read by the Clerk.

The Report of the Committee on the establishment of a State Denominational organ, was read by Elder M. Bishop, as chairman, and unanimously adopted—(See Appendix A.)

On motion, the order of business was suspended ten minutes, in pursuance of a plan suggested in the report, to obtain subscribers for the foregoing paper; and resulted as follows:

Elder D. A. Jackson, 5 copies; W. B. Crumpton, 40 copies; S. A. Goodwin, 40 copies; E. A. Moseley, 1; T. J. Miles, 1; Jesse G. Jones, 1; James Jones, jr., 2; N. D. Wright, 1; O. A. Coleman, 1; J. W. Thomas, 1; J. O. Roberson, 1; J. D. Wright, 1; Peter Edwards, 3; M. J. Gamble, 3; J. W. Orme, 1; F. L. Ellis, 1; W. P. Bullock, 1; A. K. Gordon, 1; Gilbert Long, 1; H. W. Caffey, 1; M. Bishop, 1; Thos. A. Peterson, 1; T. M. Bailey, 1; D. Lee, 1; George W. McQueen, 1.

Business was resumed, and the Committee on Religious exercises reported Elder S. A. Goodwin to preach at the Arbor, at 11 o'clock A. M. Elder W. B. Crumpton, at 2 o'clock P. M. Elder Mathews Bishop, at 7 o'clock P. M., in the Church.

The Sabbath School to be addressed at 9 o'clock A. M., to-

morrow, by Elders M. Bishop and T. M. Bailey. Elder David Lee to preach at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder T. M. Bailey, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Elder B. A. Jackson made a report on the "State of Religion in the Churches," which was adopted. (See Appendix B.

Elder T. M. Bailey read a report on Sunday Schools, which after some debate, was postponed for further consideration to the P. M. session. The hour for adjournment having arrived, the body took a recess of an hour for refreshments.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Association re-assembled, and after singing a hymn was called to order, and by resolution the regular order of business was suspended, to allow a motion by Elder W. B. Crumpton, that the appointments for preaching, by the Committee on Religious exercises, for this afternoon and evening be dispensed with, and the congregation invited to remain and listen to the discussions, which was adopted.

Regular order of business was taken up, and the consideration of the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was resumed, and after further discussion it was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on Documents, reported through its Chairman, Elder S. A. Goodwin, and the report was adopted. (Appendix D.)

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Association, be held with the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1874.

The Committee on Religious exercises were instructed to nominate Brethren to preach the introductory and Mission Sermons, at the next annual convocation of this body.

Elder W. B. Crumpton read the report of the Committee on Denominational education, and it was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Elder W. B. Crumpton was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year; Elder W. C. Cleveland, alternate; Elder T. M. Bailey, to preach the Missionary sermon; Elder S. A. Goodwin, alternate.

The Moderator announced the following S. S. Committee appointed for the ensuing year: 1st District, H. W. Caffey; 2nd District, B. S. Meadows; 3d District, Jesse G. Jones; 4th District, H. W. Watson.

The Obituary Committee report was made by Elder T. N. Coleman, and it was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this body be instructed to pay to Elder T. N. Coleman, the Associational Missionary, all funds in his hands, sent up by the churches for Associational Missions; and that Bro. Coleman's receipt therefor

be forwarded to Dr. M. T. Sumner, Cor. Sec. Dom. & Indian Miss. Bd., at Marion.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to embody in their annual letters of correspondence, full statistics of Sunday Schools connected with them; and report whether they have prayer meetings.

The report of the committee on Missions was read by Elder B. A. Jackson, amended and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The Finance report was read, and referred to the Auditing committee.

The Treasurer, Bro. S. W. Lide, made his report, which was similarly referred.

On motion, a committee of one from each District, was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of Elders T. M. Bailey, G. W. McQeen, J. W. Orme and S. A. Goodwin, to nominate an Associational Mission Board.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to have as many Minutes printed, as the Minute fund will pay for, and distribute them among the churches pro rata—after deducting twenty-five dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and citizens of this community, for their kind and and generous hospitality during its present session.

It was voted, that a public collection be taken up at the close of the sermon, at 11 o'clock to-morrow, and the proceeds be equally divided between the Foreign, Domestic and Indian and S. S., and the state S. S. Boards.

The Mission Board of the Association, the ensuing year, is composed of Elders M. Bishop, B. A. Jackson and T. M. Bailey.

The Auditing committee reported having examined the Finance and Treasurer's reports, and found them correct. (Appendices H. and J.)

After a most harmonious and delightful session, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Hickory Grove Baptist church, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1874.

The brethren united with the Moderator in prayer, joined in singing the hymn

"Oh for a closer walk with God,
A calm, and heavenly frame;"

and gave the parting hand.

DAVID LEE, Moderator,

H. W. CAFFEY, Clerk.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Elders Mathew Bishop and T. M. Bailey, addressed the Sunday School; after which, Elder David Lee preached at 11 o'clock to a large and attentive congregation, from Rom. 10: 12-14, and a collection was taken up, amounting to $27,-

60. At 2 o'clock P. M., Elder T. M. Bailey preached from Rev. 22 : 17.

The following pledges were made to sustain the cause of Associational Missions next year :

Mt. Lebanon church,	$ 55 00	Mrs. B. A. Jackson,	5 00
Greenville church,	25 00	Mrs. W. B. Crumpton,	5 00
Liberty church,	25 00	Mrs. S. A. Goodwin,	5 00
Hopewell church,	25 00	Miss Armstrong,	5 00
Hickory Grove church,	25 00	Mrs. Bailey,	5 00
Steep Creek church,	25 00	Mrs. A. K. Gordon,	5 00
Providence church,	25 00	P. W. Spear,	5 00
Fort Deposit church,	25 00	Dr. Hase,	5 00
Philadelphia church,	100 00	John Parker,	2 50
David Lee,	25 00	John Wright,	2 50
E. J. Harris,	25 00	V. D. Whatley,	2 50
F. M. Nuckolls,	10 00	G. H. Peel,	2 00
Damascus church,	10 00	James Jones, jr.,	2 00
M. Bishop,	25 00	Mrs. H. E. Orme,	2 00
F. S. Ellis,	10 00	Mrs. George Peal,	2 00
J. L. Sampey,	10 00	George Jones,	2 00
A. L. Barnett,	5 00	J. N. Rushton,	2 00
Wm. Pierce,	5 00	W. O. Bailey,	2 00
H. W. Caffey,	5 00	Mrs. Eugenia Spear,	1 00
J. I. Lamar,	5 00	H. B. Jones,	1 00
G. W. Crossgrove,	5 00	Lewis Jones,	1 00
J. G. Jones,	5 00	Caroline Johnson,	1 00
B. A. Jackson,	5 00	Ann E. Johnson,	1 00
J. A. Mitchell,	10 00		
T. J. Miles,	5 00	Total	$566 50
J. P. Elsberry,	5 00		

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON ESTABLISHING A BAPTIST STATE ORGAN.

Your committee, in reply to the communication from the "Baptist Union of Alabama," beg leave to submit the following report :—The great necessity of an organ of communication and co-operation among the seventy thousand Baptists of the State, has been deeply felt and lamented by all the live, praying, paying, working members of this great Baptist family. Your committee therefore recommend the following plan, suggested in part by the Baptist Union. First, that brethren (who may feel so disposed) contribute $———, as a bonus, which is to be a gratuity, provided there cannot be a sufficient number of subscribers raised to fully sustain the paper.

Second. We recommend that a subscription list be now circulated, to give those friendly to the enterprise an opportunity to subscribe, on condition that said subscriptions are payable on the issue of the first number of the paper.

Third. We further pledge our hearty co-operation and support, and personal efforts in obtaining subscribers, and forwarding the money to the publishers of the paper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. BISHOP, Chm'n.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your committee report that several of the churches of this Association have enjoyed a gracious revival; God having blessed them as He alone can bless. There have been baptised within our bounds during the current year, 149. It is to be regretted that all of our churches do not report Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings. Six brethren have been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry.

The short crops and scarcity of money, prevent the churches from contributing as liberally to the cause of Christ as heretofore. A number of the churches are not represented, and several are without ministers to "go in and out before them." This is a very deplorable state of things, and may God hasten the day when every church in our bounds shall be able to sustain the gospel in their several vicinities.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. JACKSON, Chm'n,

APPENDIX C.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed by your body at its last session, to further the work in your Associational bounds, report as follows:

In the first District, one school has been organized during the year. All the churches of this District have schools except Shiloh and Providence.

In the second District, all the churches have schools except Good Hope. One school has been organized during the year, at Smyrna, which is doing well.

In the third District, all the churches have schools except Liberty and Autaugaville. One new school has been organized during the year.

Bro. Watson, of the fourth District, reports three mass meetings held in the interest of the work. Most of the churches have been visited, and there is evidently a growing interest among the brethren, in the work. All the churches in this District have schools except Midway, Rutledge, Union, Macedonia and New Ebenezer. Last year only eight schools, with seventy teachers and 508 students, were reported. This year we find that although only 25 churches are represented, yet there are 17 schools reported, with 109 teachers, 854 scholars, and of this number 222 are church-members. 75 copies of the "Baptist Teacher," and 417 copies of "Kind Words" are taken. $162,58 have been contributed by these schools, to the support of general S. S. work in the State.

From these facts, your committee have every reason to believe that a forward march has been made during the year, that our brethren are waking up to the great importance of an earnest, prayerful and continuous searching of the Scriptures. In the advance that has been made, we have every reason to "thank God, and take courage."

Your committee earnestly recommend to the churches, that there be no relaxing of effort, but a prayerful redoubling of diligence on our part, until every church in our bounds be a recognized school of Christ, with its membership in the sanctuary every Lord's day, prayerfully engaged in studying His precious word. Your committee recommend the appointment of a committee of four to further the work in their respective Districts, and that said committee be composed of laymen.

Respectfully submitted,
T. M. BAILEY,
M. BISHOP,
J. G. JONES,
} Committee.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee have made a careful examination of the letters, and submit the following report:—Out of the large number of churches composing the Association, but twenty-five are represented; and of these, only sixteen have contributed to missions. Two of the churches, Hayneville and Philadelphia, that have been supplied this year, by your efficient Missionary, T. N. Coleman, send pledges to aid the Association in securing the services of a Missionary the ensuing year.

Most of the churches report Bible schools and prayer meetings. Greenville, Town Creek and Bethany churches report "Female Aid Societies," that are doing effectual work.

Indian Creek church applies for a letter of dismission, for the purpose of joining Zion Association. Fort Deposit church reports the untimely death of our useful, zealous and gifted brother, Elder W. W. Lloyd. Hickory Grove church applies for the next Association. Finding nothing else of importance.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. GOODWIN, Chm'n.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report:

The time was, when Baptists were frowned upon, as oppos-

ers of education ; but they need to be aroused as to the importance of Denominational education.

If education unsanctified, is a curse; if mere mind-culture increases the talents buried; if heart cultivation is essential to make the culture of the mind a blessing to mankind, then the Bible must be taught in our schools. This cannot be done in the common schools; for they are sustained by taxes, levied upon jew and gentile, catholic and non-catholic.

The jew is unwilling for his child to be taught by a gentile the truths of the New Testament; the romanist is not willing to even permit his child to read the Bible, without a priest to interpret its meaning; hence their just opposition to the common school system. Baptists should be wide awake, lest the moral education of their children be neglected ; or, worse still, their minds poisoned with error. Your committee is persuaded that schools under the patronage of our own Denomination, with Baptists as teachers, are the only schools where we can safely entrust our children. In this light we are pleased to recommend to the denomination, as worthy of its patronage, and support our schools at Marion, viz : "Howard College and the "Judson Female Institute."

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. CRUMPTON, Chm'n.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It gives us pain to announce the loss by death, of two excellent brethren in the ministry, since the last meeting o f your body, Elders P. H. Lundy and W. W. Lloyd. They both died while engaged in the Master's work, and we doubt not have gone to enjoy the reward which is found in Christ the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
T. N. COLEMAN, Chm'n.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

There is no work in which the Baptists should more heartily engage, and fully unite, than in sending the news of salvation to the ends of the earth. The injunctions, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations;" "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," are as binding upon us, as upon those to whom they were directly addressed. Can we who have enjoyed the light of the Gospel, and the blessings which come to us through it, refuse to contribute of the means with which God has blessed us, to the support of those who have consecrated themselves to the Lord; bid

adieu to the land of their nativity, sought a home among heathens, where ignorance, superstition and idolatry abound? Can we withhold our money, prayers and sympathy? No verily! The Missionary enterprise was never more encouraging than at present; the field is white unto harvest, and calls loudly for reapers. The door is now open for the reception of God's word in Italy and South America, in addition to the field heretofore occupied. And yet there has never been a time when we were less apparently able to sustain these missions. The China Mission is in a hopeful condition, and calls upon us to contribute to its support, and also to give thanks to God for his goodness and mercy, manifested in the conversion of souls in the field. The African Mission is not so encouraging as formerly. The Domestic and Indian Missions are progressing, and call loudly upon us for our co-operation, prayers and means. Our Associational Mission has proven a success. Brother Coleman, that efficient worker, has labored faithfully as Missionary of your body, under the appointment of the Marion Board, and with the most gratifying results.

We learn that two of the churches, Hayneville and Philadelphia, asks for the appointment of a Missionary the ensuing year, which petition your committee recommend to the prayerful consideration of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. JACKSON, Chm'n.

AMENDMENT TO THE ABOVE REPORT.

Resolved, That our Associational Mission work be put into the hands of a committee of three, who shall be instructed to secure pledges for the support of one or more missionaries; and after a sufficient amount shall have been raised for that purpose, recommend for appointment by the Domestic and Indian Mission Board, one or more missionaries to labor within the bounds of the Alabama Baptist Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAM'L W. LIDE, Treasurer,

In account with the Alabama Baptist Association:

1872 to 1873. DR.

To cash on hand last year,	91 95	
" Rec'd last Association,	1003 11	
		$1095 06

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By cash paid clerk. Minute fund,	83 85	
" M. T. Sumner, S. S. cause Creek Indians,	11 25	
" " Indian Mission,	5 00	
" for Education Colored Ministers,	5 00	
" for Domestic and Indian Missions,	345 85	
" for Associational Missions,	60 00	
" Elder D. Lee's order, for T. N. Coleman,	39 16	
" Elder A. Van Hoose. for Howard College,	27 90	
" B. B. Davis, for Foreign Missions,	92 00	
" for Roman Mission,	76 85	
" China Mission,	10 00	
" Bro. Crawford's Chapel,	12 00	
" Bro. Hartwell, China Mission,	5 00	
" Ministerial aid, Howard College,	277 00	
" Baptist Theological Seminary, Greenville,	10 00	
" Elder T. C. Boykin, S. S. Board,	34 20	
		$1095 06

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. LIDE, Treasurer.

The above Report, with corresponding vouchers, has been audited, and found correct.

F. ARMSTRONG, Chm'n. Aud. Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.....	Dom. & Ind. Missions.	Foreign Missions...	China Missions...	Minutes Ala. State Con'e.	Roman Mission...	Theological Seminary Greenv'e,S.C.	Ministerial Ed'n Howard College...	State S. S. Board..	Howard College...	Pledges Redeemed As'n Miss'n.	Association'l Mission..	Total .....
Providence	$4 00	$27 35	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$17 75	$10 00	$25 00	.....	$94 00
Centre Ridge	2 00	6 50	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50	10 00	25 00	50	66 50
Town Creek	2 20	37 85	29 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 50
Bethany	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	23 00	.....	36 40
Ash Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 35	.....	17 35
Steep Creek	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 50	.....	52 00
Hopewell	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Hayneville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170 50	170 50
1st. Montgomery	3 00	150 15	83 30	.....	3 00	10 00	100 00	.....	106 83	.....	.....	.....	456 28
Autaugaville	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	12 00
Pine Level	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	80 00
Midway	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Elim	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Liberty	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	27 00
Mt. Lebanon	3 20	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 20
Greenville	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	39 00
Hickory Grove	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	20 00
New Ebenezer	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Damascus	2 20	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 70
Union	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Macedonia	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Antioch	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Philadelphia	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 25	62 75
Mrs. R. H. Lee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Mrs. M. L. Patrick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Ira Haygood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
M. Pruitt	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00
M. Bishop	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00
Miss Laura Bishop	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
J. G. Jones	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00
J. W. Orme	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00
O. A. Coleman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Miss Jennie Burt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Mrs. A. Kolb	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Elder D. Lee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Total	$59 85	261 85	225 25	$10 00	3 00	$10 00	100 00	$20 00	147 58	$20 00	305 75	257 25	$1 420 56

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS B. GAY, Chairman.

The above Report has been examined, and found correct,

F. AMRSTRONG, Chm'n Aud. Com.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1873.

	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptized	Received by Voucher	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Whites	Blacks	Total	S. S. Teachers	S. S. Schlours	Sabbath Meeting.
1st. Dis.	Centre Ridge	W. C. Cleveland	J. W. Dennis	Richmond	2		1		5	1	1	74		74	6	25	2d & 4th.
	Providence	W. B. Crumpton	S. Johnston	Cambridge	4	1	3		2	3	4	77		77			2d & 4th.
	Town Creek	T. M. Bailey	T. A. Hardy	Benton			2	1	4	5	1	76		76	12	80	1st & 3d.
	Bethany	T. M. Bailey	Jno. A. Caffey	Benton					1			55		55	6	44	2d.
2d. Dist.	Hopewell	David Lee	J. H. Robertson	Mt. Willing	1		3	1	9	2	4	87		87	4	20	1st. & 3d.
	Fort Deposit	J. E. Bell	R. M. Burt	Fort Deposit	4		3	1	15		2	152		152			1st. & 3d.
	Ash Creek	T. M. Bailey	A. K. Gordon	Benton	2	1	2	5	1			34	31	65	24	12	4th.
	Hayneville	Missionary		Hayneville	13				1			27		27	7	40	1st.
	Steep Creek	M. Bishop	U. G. W. Powell	Hayneville	5			1	1	3	5	60		60	6	30	1st.
3d. District.	Autaugaville		J. I. Lamar	Autaugaville					1								
	1st. Montgamery	D. W. Gwinn	J. R. Adams	Montgomery	13		9	1	2			23		23			
	Liberty	J. W. Orme	J. A. Mitchell	Pine Level	4			1	8	3	3	302		312	23	227	E. S.
	Union	W. C. Avant	J. E. Turner	Honoroville	12		13	1	1			21		21			1st.
	Mt. Lebanon	B. A. Jackson	James Day	Ruif Branch	11		1		5	5	4	48		48			3d.
	Pine Level	B. A. Jackson	J. H. Dickson	Pine Level	32		11	1	4	2		85		85	4	50	1st.
	Midway	T. J. Miles	F. M. Nuckolls	Pine Level	3				3	2		104		104			4th.
	Elim	Jeff'n Falkner	M. McLemore	Montgomery					1		1	38		38			3d.
4th. District.	Indian Creek	B. F. Cooper	W. P. Bush	Greenville	10		14	1	7	1	4	14		14	2	12	1st.
	Antioch.(Butler)	J. E. Bell	J. P. Gafford	Greenville			9		14			52		52	2	40	4th.
	Greenville	S. A. Goodwin	J. A. Harris	Greenville	4		8		24	4	3	56		56			4th.
	Philadelphia	Missionary	H. F. Hines	Argus	17		3					125		125	20	200	E. S.
	Damascus	W. W. Lloyd	S. F. Andress	Greenville	12		1		24		2	37		37	8	65	4th.
	Macedonia	W. C. Avant	H. S. Graden	Fort Deposit					1	1		94		94			3d.
	Hickory Grove	B. A. Jackson	Isa Dean	Letohatchie	4	1			2			31		31			4th.
	New Ebenezer	W. C. Avant	Jefferson Cook	Saville				2	8	1	2	46		46			3d.
												67		67			2d.
					153	3	83	16	143	33	36	1795	31	1826	102	845	